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Dear Colleagues,

We are excited about hosting the Tenth Workshop on Seedling Physiology and Growth Problems in Oak Plantings which is scheduled for October 16-18, 2007 at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, Mississippi. This workshop is designed to provide researchers and practitioners with an opportunity to exchange ideas and current findings on the biology, genetics, nursery practices, silviculture and regeneration systems of our oak resource. We hope that you will be able to attend and interact with others working in this field.

The workshop will begin Tuesday morning with registration followed by presentations throughout the day. Lunch will be catered in the meeting hall, and we will have dinner and a social at the Museum on Tuesday evening. Wednesday will be spent on a field trip to visit a range of upland oak plantings in the Vicksburg area, and bottomland oak plantings in the Mississippi Delta. Presentations will continue Thursday morning with the workshop adjourning after the morning session.

Those wishing to make a presentation at the workshop will have an opportunity to deliver an oral or poster presentation. Oral presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, while poster presentations (4' x 4') will remain on display for viewing and discussion for the duration of the workshop. We intend to schedule ample break time during the meeting to maximize informal interaction between colleagues. If you intend to make a presentation, please submit the tentative title by August 15th, and we will provide you with instructions for abstract submission.

The workshop registration fee will be \$100 or less and will include workshop registration, field trip transportation, handouts, two lunches, evening social and dinner, and refreshments during breaks. We ask that you please return the attached questionnaire to us by August 15, 2007 so that we can plan accordingly.

Jackson is easily accessed by car on either Interstate 20 (East-West) or Interstate 55 (North-South). Many carriers provide daily flights into the Jackson International Airport (JAN), and the workshop staff will be able to transport you from the airport to your hotel. We are currently working on reserving a block of rooms at a local hotel and will provide details for reservations in the future.

Please join us in making the Tenth Workshop on Seedling Physiology and Growth Problems in Oak Plantings an enjoyable and informative workshop. If you would like additional information on the workshop, please contact Brian Lockhart at blockhart@fs.fed.us or 662-686-3171, or Emile Gardiner at egardiner@fs.fed.us or 662-686-3184. Additionally, Lynne Breland at lbreland@fs.fed.us or 601-445-5851 can be contacted for more details on conference registration, hotel reservations, and questionnaire and abstract submissions. We are also in the process of building a website that will provide up-to-date conference information. In the future check for additional conference information on <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/cbhr/workshops/spgpop10/>.

Sincerely,

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